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Cronies Build Up Lattimore as 'Scholar'

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WASHINGTON: Marquis Childs, darling of the left-wing Americans for Democratic Action, has been slobbering in print over the fate of Owen Lattimore, the Baltimore bugle who goes on trial in May charged with lying seven times to a Senate committee.

Childs pictures Attorney General Herbert Brownell as trembling over the impending trial, which is not a fact since one of Brownell's first official moves after taking office was to appoint Leo Rover, a top-flight lawyer and former U. S. Attorney in Washington, as special prosecutor of Lattimore.

In Familiar Company

Childs is in familiar company in trying to grease Lattimore out of the witness chair. For free, you can obtain a 61-page booklet from promoters of the Lattimore Defense Fund in Baltimore, Md., which is devoted in its entirety to refurbishing Lattimore's reputation as a Far Eastern scholar, despite the fact that he has none of the attributes of a scholar, such as a formal education, or a university degree.

The booklet contains a series of letters, all of which set forth Lattimore's qualifications as a scholar in round and pearl-like phrases.

Nobody can quarrel with Lattimore's cronies if they want to raise cash for his defense. As a matter of fact, if they fail to get any, we taxpayers will foot the bill to assure him of adequate counsel and funds for bringing witnesses to Washington.

The point, however, is that Lattimore and his cronies have long decried what they call guilt by association. It is only fair to point out, then, that the same crew is now building Lattimore into a scholar by association, and innocent of wrongdoing because he has scholarly friends. It's the same horse, only they ride it in a different direction.